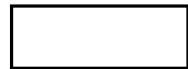


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Mr. Allen Dulles
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Upon my return from the Western Pacific this last weekend I received General Cabell's letter regarding your decision pertaining to my forthcoming assignment.

I am honored, and indeed very grateful, that you want me to take over the important position of Coordinator on your Staff.

General Cabell has charged me with keeping the information to myself until my successor has been determined and announced. Accordingly, I cannot make any firm plans to disengage from this post until the decision is reached. I hope that when the selection is made that I may be the first person to inform Admiral Felt.

I am writing General Cabell to request, among other things, a reconsideration of what I hope is not a firm reporting date of 1 June. My experience here shows that the Agency and military administrative mechanisms do not move that fast when a change of station is involved. As all manner of transportation from Honolulu is heavily booked weeks in advance this summer, we find that about four months lead time is required to be sure of accommodations for shipment of

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personnel, household goods and automobile. This week, for example, we have completed transportation arrangements for our staff officers who leave Honolulu in June for duty in Headquarters.

I am looking forward to my next assignment with enthusiasm and confidence. With highest regards, I am

Sincerely

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